TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 5th August, 1924.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-four of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Powers of Managers and Headmasters of Private Schools.

40. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : (1) What are the respective powers of the Manager and the Headmaster of a private school which each one can exercise—

(i) independently of the other, and

(ii) only in collaboration with the other ?

(2) Who is responsible for the school records ?

(3) If the Headmaster has any responsibility, what are the records for which he is responsible ?

(4) If the Headmaster has no responsibility for all or any of the records, how many and which of such records has he the right to demand for perusal from the Manager ?

(5) Who should keep the files of letters despatched and received ?

(6) In the file of letters despatched by the Manager, has the Headmaster a right to include copies of all the letters despatched by him in his capacity as Headmaster ?

(7) If not, is he expected to keep a separate file of all correspondence not passing through the Manager ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) to (7). The attention of the member is invited to Standing Order* No. 3, dated the 16th June, 1914, of the Director of Public

* *Vide* Appendix—pages 254 and 255

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Instruction, a copy of which is laid on the table. It is reported that there are no other instructions on the subject and that matters not covered by the Standing Order are arranged by mutual agreement between the Manager and the Headmaster.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Have there not been much unpleasantness and misunderstanding between the Managers and Headmasters because there have not been definite rules in this matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am aware that there have been misunderstandings in one particular instance; I am not aware of many instances.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make some rules to prevent such misunderstandings?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rules have been made and a copy of the rules has been placed on the table.

Constituencies for the next General Election.

41. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) In view of the fact that certain taluks which formed parts of general rural constituencies for the last general election to the Legislative Council have since been distributed among other taluks which formed different constituencies, what arrangement do the Government propose to make for the next general election?

(*b*) If the old constituencies are to be preserved, do they not recognise the difficulty due to the splitting up of a single taluk into different constituencies, and the consequent inconvenience and division of interests?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The whole question is engaging the attention of the Government.

National Ideas in Schools.

42. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (1) Is it a fact that the Education Department discourages the spread of national ideas in schools?

(2) Have the Government instructed the school authorities to see that the life and teachings of national leaders of India like Mr. Gandhi should in no way form subjects of conversation or of discussion, outside or inside the class-room?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) The member's attention is invited to Clauses XIV and XV of Rule 61 and to Note I of Rule 82 of the Education Code.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know, for instance, what is the sort of teachers that are employed in the Vernacular School at Ambalapuzha? May I know further how many of them are natives of Ambalapuzha?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall call for that information; I have not got it ready now.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know further how many of the teachers employed at Ambalapuzha are Brahmins?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall give full information on all these points.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Thanks.

Posting of Brahmin Teachers in Vernacular Schools.

49. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector of Vernacular Schools generally transfers Brahmin teachers to centres where there are Devaswom choultries and Government feeding-houses and retains such teachers in those centres for inordinately long periods?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to look into the statistics regarding this matter and place the same on the table to see whether the transfers ordered by the Inspector or his subordinates are such as to lend colour to any allegation as above indicated?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 48.

Appendix.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 40.**

STANDING ORDERS UNDER THE EDUCATION CODE.

No. 3 of 1914.

Rule 29 of the Education Code.

On and after this date, the duties and powers of Headmasters, who are not Managers, shall be as defined below:—

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE HEADMASTER.

I. It shall be the duty of the Headmaster—

(*a*) to devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office and not to engage in any trade, business, occupation, or special study, which will interfere with the efficient discharge of these duties or to which the Manager or the Inspecting Officers of the Education Department may object;

(*b*) to attend the school regularly and punctually and not to absent himself therefrom unless prevented by illness or unless he has received the previous permission of the Manager;

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(*c*) to allot to each teacher or other member of the staff certain duties, to supervise the discharge of these duties, and to report to the Manager every case in which a teacher or other member of the staff fails to discharge his duty regularly, punctually and efficiently;

(*d*) to see that the registers and records of the school are maintained in accordance with departmental regulations and that returns due to the department are prepared accurately and submitted promptly;

(*e*) to maintain efficient discipline in the school in accordance with the school rules and with departmental regulations;

(*f*) to see that the furniture, equipment, apparatus and teaching appliances are kept in good order, and to report to the Manager any deficiencies in the same ;

(*g*) to see that the building and premises are kept in a clean and tidy condition and that the sanitary state of the school and compound is satisfactory;

(*h*) to recommend suitable and properly qualified persons to the Manager for appointment to any vacancy on the staff;

(*i*) to see that the fees are collected in accordance with prescribed rules; and

(*j*) generally, to carry out all regulations prescribed by the Department, to report to the Manager any case in which these regulations are not being strictly obeyed, and in other matters not herein specified to act under the orders of the Manager.

II. The Headmaster shall have power—

(*a*) to admit pupils in accordance with departmental regulations;

(*b*) to punish, discharge and dismiss pupils in accordance with departmental regulations and the rules of the school ;

(*c*) to recommend to the Manager to punish by fine, not exceeding two days' pay, any member of the staff, for negligence or disobedience of orders;

(*d*) to appoint and dismiss any servant or menial employed in the school;

(*e*) to decide the annual promotion of pupils; and

(*f*) to select pupils who may be admitted at favourable fee rates in accordance with such general rules as may be prescribed by the Manager.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trivandrum, 16th June 1914.

A. W. BISHOP,
Director of Public Instruction.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

PRESIDENT: We will now proceed with the demands for grants.

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